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TOO MUCH CRIME

According to the warden of the Kentucky reformatory half a million is a low estimate of the number of boys and girls who start each year on a career of crime in the United States. Such conditions are nothing short of appalling, and the thought of a vast army of young people becoming criminals is enough to distress the mind of every respectable man and woman in the land.

And the law, or force or threats cannot cure this condition. Education and parental care alone can reduce the number. The wayward boy or girl must be led in the right path, and not driven. Around them must be wrapped the arms of fatherly and motherly affection. They demand a display of love, and their lessons must be so plain that they cannot mistake them. More moral examples set before them and fewer threats of what will happen to them is the best remedy, according to the Kentucky warden.

"The law is not going to make people virtuous, and it is not going to keep boys and girls from straying into darkened paths," he declares.

These reflections should commend themselves to all fathers and mothers, and to the teachers of children in all of our town and rural schools. We read in our daily papers too many stories of crimes committed by mere boys. We must protect our own community by safeguarding our own boys and girls, and doing all we can to show them, without being threatening, that the way of the transgressor is always a rough road to travel.

WHAT MAKES PROSPERITY?

Prosperity means good business, and good business means active buying. Buying moves in a circle. It must begin with you—and in the end it comes back to you.

There are four factors in the circle of buying—the manufacturer, the jobber, the retailer and you, the buyer. Together these factors constitute the public. The manufacturer, jobber or retailer is in a separate class from you only so far as his business is concerned. In every other relation of life he is one small individual in the great mass we call the public, and he is affected by the same living conditions that affect you. Outside his own business he, too, is a buyer; so he joins with you, therefore, in starting the buying impulse that sweeps around the circle. He buys, like you, the comforts and necessities of life, and he wants reasonable prices the same as you do.

Prices are low now, and as low right here as you'll find them anywhere else. But if they are to be brought still lower you will have to BUY. That creates a demand for production, and production is bound to mean more men at work, more men with money to buy and more prosperity.

Not all of our local merchants are using this paper to unload their shelves. But you can depend upon it the ones who are are the ones who are anxious to join hands with you in bringing about prosperity and keeping the community prosperous. We urge you to buy what you need now—the time when we must buy if we keep prices dropping—and in doing so we urge you to buy from those who advertise in your home paper—the merchants who appreciate your trade enough to ask for it.

It doesn't take a smart woman long to understand that she can handle a husband better by bragging on him occasionally.

We've also noticed that the smaller a woman's pocketbook the oftener her husband is called upon to fill it.

There has been so much rain in this country during the past several weeks that the "drys" can strike up as their anthem: "Water, Water Everywhere—and Not a Drop to Drink."

There is nothing a sensible man admires more than the girlish girl or the womanly woman.

It has about gotten so in the cities that the taxies b men will rob you if you ride, and the holdup men will rob you if you walk.

EXTRA DRY IS FORECAST FOR THE STATE

"Extra dry" is the forecast for California.

Proceedings are to be speeded up on the precipitation circuit. It is no longer a question of drink if you will, but drink if you can.

Enter the Wright law. It is a State measure designed to make California as dry as dry can be, whatever that will be. It provides that all State, city and county officials shall enforce the Volstead Act, the national "bone-dry" measure that made the country in many places about as dry as a sponge in its native habitat.

The California dry bill, which is the Wright bill's given name, was introduced by Assemblyman T. M. Wright of San Jose, passed both Houses and has been signed by the Governor. It will go into effect on July 23 unless a referendum petition, now being circulated, is filed in due time. If the referendum is successful the bill will be on the ballot in November, 1922, and cannot be enforced before that time.

The Wright bill would make violation a misdemeanor, which is not so bad as the Federal penalties. Its virtue lies in making dry enforcement general in the State, and also in aiding the prosecution of cases.

The functioning of the Federal courts has been threatened by the deluge of liquor cases. The courts are chock full of them. The Wright Act would enable all municipalities to pass ordinances for enforcement of the Volstead Act and to collect fines for violations. The fines would go into city treasuries. Where municipalities have dry ordinances, police courts might handle dry cases. Otherwise the Superior Court will try them. The Wright Act is not the Harris Act under another name, as it is considerably different from the Harris Act voted down at the last general election.

The Wright Act, when it becomes effective, will be a valuable aid along the California-Lower California border, where smuggling of the stuff made in Old Mexico or imported there from Europe is easy by the very nature of things. It takes many eyes to detect a fat Mexican woman made only slightly fatter by the application of seventeen hot water bottles not filled with hot water strolling through the brush. Then they make wine in California, a natural consequence of growing grapes, and the United States officials recently began action to seize and sell some wineries, the proprietors of which are accused of making other than Chautauqua circuit grape juice.

The enforcement of the liquor laws has been conducted by the Federal government ever since the passage of what is known as the war-time prohibition law. The Volstead Act came in October 23, 1919, and the constitutional amendment June 17, 1920.

The assessment of fines under the liquor laws has been a prolific source of revenue to the government. From September 1, 1919, to date more than \$135,000 has been paid by Charles N. Williams, clerk of the U. S. Treasury Court, into the United States Treasury on account of violations of the liquor laws. Of this sum, more than \$100,000 has been paid in the local and San Diego courts, the balance at the sessions of the Federal court in Fresno. These figures do not include the total amount of fines assessed but only those paid.

We still believe there'd be a lot more happiness in the world if we could get back to the old days when dried apples were a part of every meal.

Young ladies who are afflicted with "nerves" will find that one of the best tonics is dish-water applied to the hands three times a day.

About the only thing the cotton and wheat growers can hope for is to get the bootleggers to sell their products.

Another thing that doesn't look right is to see hogs selling for 9c a pound on the farm and sausage for 40c a pound in the city.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who used to brag about how well she could bake a loaf of bread?

Maybe the number of holdups in this country only indicates that the profiteers are going back to their regular jobs.

The girl who boasts she can marry any man she pleases usually doesn't please any of them.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

STORIES MY MOTHER TOLD TO ME

A missionary was visiting in a family where he had been invited to tea. The hostess brought into the room a basket of very rare and beautiful peaches. After serving to those present the father gave his little daughter Lillie a fine large one; then, taking a smaller one, he said: "You may go into the garden, where your little four-year-old brother is drawing his cart about, and give this one to him." Lillie went out and was gone about ten minutes, when she returned and seated herself in her little chair near her father.

"Did you give Jack his peach I sent to him?"

"No, father," she replied blushing.

"Why did you not?" he asked rather sharply.

No reply. She hung her head.

Again the father repeated: "Did you give Jack the peach I sent him?"

"No, father, I did not give him the peach you sent."

"What did you do with it?"

"I ate it."

"And did you not give your brother any?" asked the father sternly.

"Yes," she answered almost sobbing. "I gave him mine."

"And why did you not give him the one I told you to give?"

"Because," she said, "I thought he would like mine better."

"But you ought not to disobey."

"I did not mean to be disobedient, father," and her bosom began to heave and her chin to quiver.

"But you were, my daughter."

"I did not think you would be displeased if I gave my brother the largest peach," and the tears began to drop like pearls down on her little hands.

"But I wanted you to have the largest one, because you are the oldest and our daughter."

"I want to give the best to my brother," said the noble girl.

ly able to restrain his tears. "Why?" asked the father, scarcely. "Because I love him so. I am always happy when he gets the best."

"You are right, my precious one," and the father drew her to himself and pressed her fondly to his own great heart and said: "You may be sure your father will never be displeased with you for giving up your best for your affectionate little brother. He is a dear, noble boy and I'm glad you love him. Do you think he loves you as well as you do him?"

"Oh, yes, father. I know he does, for when I offered him the biggest peach he didn't want to take it. He said: 'You take it yourself.'"

"Owe no man anything but to love one another. He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."—Rom. 13:8.

AUNT HANNAH.

The reason more liquor doesn't improve with age is because so many fellows won't let it.

There are almost as many plans in Congress to solve the immigration problems as there are aliens trying to land in this country.

In after years a woman imagines there is something wrong with her husband if he doesn't find fault with his meals.

Some creditors seem to have an idea that the world will end in a few weeks, and they must get their money now or not at all.

Thank goodness, we're back to the point where you can again ask for a dime's worth of something without being laughed at.

When a woman goes away for a short visit she always borrows something from one of her neighbors to take with her.

Ohio is said to be overrun just now with mad dogs. The price of a bone during the past couple of years has been enough to make any dog mad.

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